

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date July 12, 2017

Members Present: 23

Meeting was called to order by President, Mark Pawlak at 6:30 pm.

Prior Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2017 were presented by not accepted because of the lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report for June, 2017 was submitted by Pat Conole. SEWMG received several donations in memory of Howard Baszynski. Thank you letters will be sent to each person who made a donation.

Old Business

Committees

- Audit Committee – Roger Kucher reported
 - The audit committee members were Diane Thieme, Pat Adrian, Bill Shaffer, and Liz Burke
 - The committee made several recommendations including the following:
 - Every MGV should use the reimbursement form that requires 2 signatures.
 - An electronic method should be used for retaining audits from year to year.
 - There should be transition procedures in place for the new incoming and outgoing treasurers.
 - The outgoing treasurer should become the assistant treasurer.
 - Update who has access to QuickBooks.
- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme reported
 - The Plant Sale Committee along with several other plant sale workers met on June 20, 2017 at the home of Phil and Carol Mainwaring to discuss the 2017 Plant Sale and some possible changes for the 2018 Plant Sale. Some of the suggestions were:
 - Add a thirds small order checkout lane
 - Get smaller boxes or bags
 - Direct shoppers earlier to the small or large order lines
 - The common-botanical name sheet will be posted on Facebook and the SEWMG webpage so anyone who wants a copy can print a copy.
 - The budget for 2018 will be the same as 2017.
 - The bookmarks have been revised.
 - Require phone numbers on all checks.
 - A Plant Sale Procedures handbook will be developed.
 - Members from the Dig Team and Plant Sale Committee will attend a session on jumping worms on September 17, 2017.
 - Diane and Larry Papham and several others are doing an inventory of the storage unit on June 20, 2017.
 - All the extra Fafard that was in storage has been sold at cost. Room was needed in the storage unit.
- Garden Support – Jennifer Lazewski reported
 - There will be 10 garden visits this summer. The garden visits should be completed in August.
 - Over 300 people visited the Northpoint Lighthouse and over 100 people visited the Maryland Montessori School. There was very low attendance from Master Gardeners.
 - There was an Open House at the Polish Community Center on July 16, 2017 from 10:00-2:00pm.
 - On July 15, 2017 the Lyndon Sculpture Garden will be part of the Garden Tour. SEWMG has a Butterfly Garden at the Lyndon Sculpture Garden.
 - The next Garden Support meeting will be on August 9 following the SEWMG Monthly Meeting.

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- In-House Education – nothing
- Trips and Tours – nothing
- Special Events –
 - Master Gardeners working State Fair should receive their tickets soon.
- Clothing – nothing
- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported
 - Several emails were sent out during the past two months about the deaths of Harold Baszynski and Patti Teneglia's husband several members having surgery.
- Membership – nothing

Projects

- Life Long Gardening – Ann Lopez reported:
 - Ann and Susan McDonell showed the poster that the LLG committee designed for the International Master Gardener Convention in Portland, Oregon.
 - Marilyn Cech, Anne Harvieux, and Liz Burke attended the 2017 International Master Gardener Conference to accept the First Place Award in the Special Needs Category for their Gardening through Life program. They gave a presentation on the project.
 - Susan McDonell and Ann Loper were interviewed for an article regarding "ergonomic gardening with a focus on ways we make gardening easier as we age." It should appear in the Milwaukee Journal August 6, 2017.
- Pollinator Group - Jennifer Lazewski reported
 - A trip is scheduled for July 22, 2017 to the UW Arboretum in Madison. There will be a tour of the gardens given by Susan Carpenter.
 - The next group outing for the Bumble Bee Watch was July 13 at the Milwaukee /county Grounds.
 - The group is working on scheduling 2 trips or walks in August
- WIMGA –
 - The State Conference is October 13-14 in West Bend. Check the WIMGA newsletter for more information.

New Business

- Nancy Lehrer reported
 - Binders for the new level 1 class will be assembled in mid-August
 - Requests for speakers are still coming in.
- Sharon Morrissey reported
 - Books donated by Susi Orth and Harold Baszynski are still available
 - Luminary bags are available for purchase and decorating by the Gardeners for a Cure team.
 - The new location for the UW-Extension building in Milwaukee County is down to three sites, two are close by in the business park and the third is on Appleton Avenue.
 - Next Gen – information is coming slowly. Milwaukee and Waukesha counties may have few changes. Most counties will be in groups of four counties.
 - Plant Health Updates – every 2 weeks from 6:30-8:00pm at the UW-Extension building on Watertown Plank Road. About 30 people attend. Watch for emails for the dates.

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- State Fair – the North Building will have Extension workers from around the state each day throughout the fair. They will occupy about one-half the building. The South Building will have a historical museum during the fair.
- Level I training is set up for fall. The first day of class is September 13 at the UW Extension in Waukesha (Waukesha County Courthouse) from 5:50-8:30 pm and Sept 11 at Boerner Botanical Garden from 1:00-4:00 pm.
- The Fox 6 Garden has 3 new volunteers on annuals and perennials.
- An adult class will begin in the Sherman Park area. Watch for emails requesting volunteers.
- The Zoo Heritage Garden is getting new signage. The Zoo is helping out.
- The timesheets will be revised. The revised timesheets will be used for reporting hours that are due in 2018.
- The new Volunteer Directory will be ready for the new Level 1 class. It will contain a description of all the SEWMG approved gardens and activities.
- The 40th year committee will meet again in the near future.

Jumping Worms – Ted Haasch reported

- There is concern about the spreading and identification of jumping worms.
- Someone asked if Rita Piper could bring in a speaker on jumping worms.
- There is a conference on September 17, 2017 at the UW Arboretum in Madison. One of the sessions is on jumping worms. Several MGV's are planning to attend.

Correspondence

Announcements

- The MGV Annual Picnic is Thursday, August 17, 2017 at Mitchell Park Pavilion, 19900 River Road, Brookfield, WI. There will be a **gardening book** exchange table. If you have any items to donate for door prizes, please contact Diane Thieme.
- The Daylily Walk at Boerner Botanical Garden is Wednesday, July 26 from 6:30-8:00pm. Judy Schmidt and Ted Haasch will be giving the tour.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 8/9/17, 9:30 AM at Boerner Botanical Garden.**

Adjourned at 8:06 pm

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary